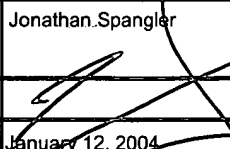
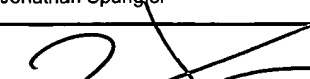


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1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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